

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

SUBJECT: Meeting of the COINS Evaluation Panel, 16 November 1966

Reference: Implementation Plan for COINS I

1. The covering letter which forwarded the Implementation Plan for COINS I discussed the need for evaluation of the system. A panel to design such an evaluation held its first meeting 16 November 1966 at NSA with the following persons present:



DIA Chairman
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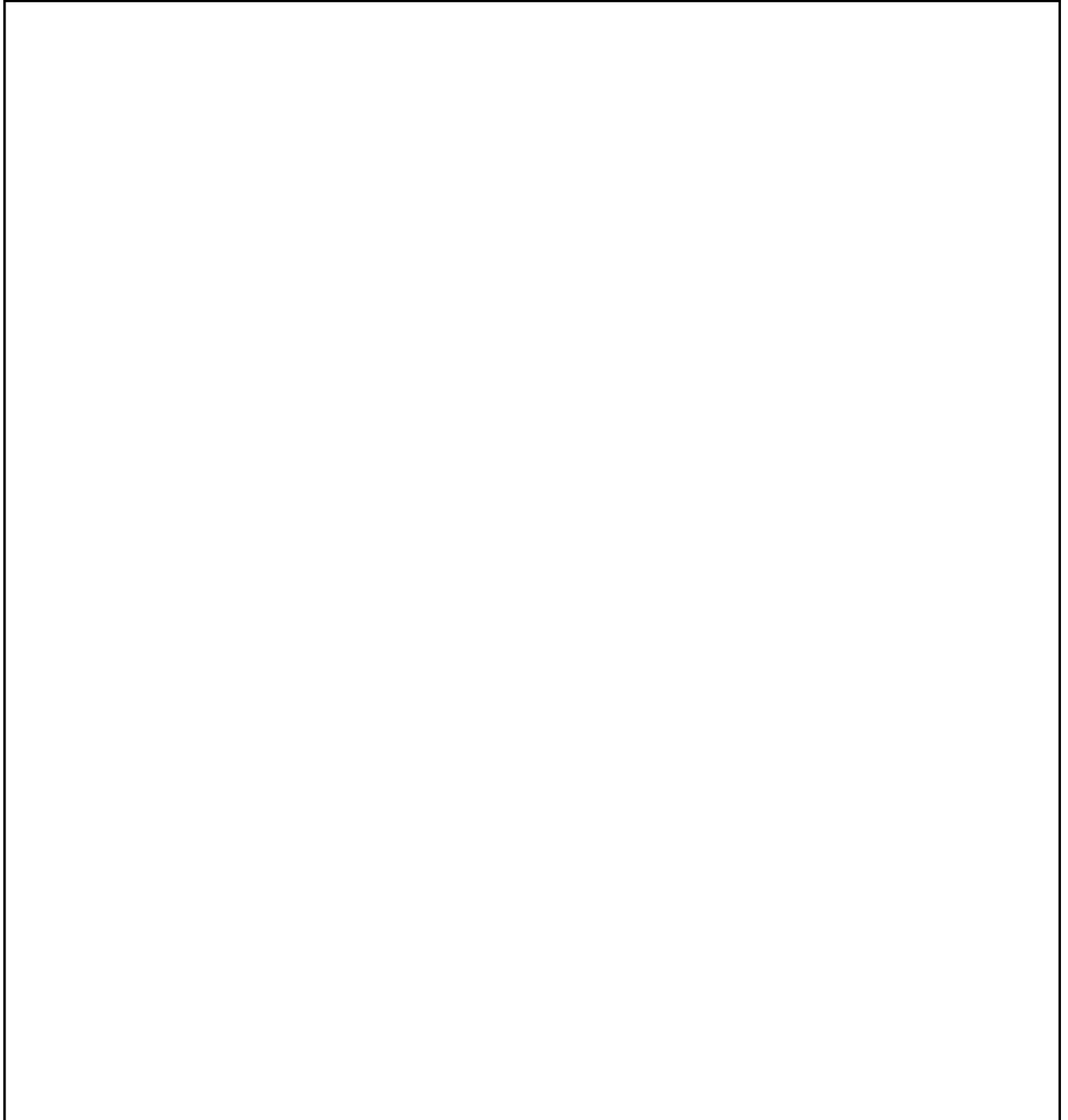
2. [redacted] presented a draft plan for an evaluation of the COINS I system. [redacted] of the NSA staff presented a proposed mathematical model, based on the draft. Both the paper and the model addressed only the communications aspects of the COINS Project.

3. Following the presentation a general discussion developed a number of questions which Panel members felt needed to be included somehow in any evaluation of COINS. Three levels of evaluation were identified.

- a. Evaluation of the System as a vehicle for transmission of intelligence.
- b. Evaluation of the actual utilization of the System.
- c. Evaluation of the utility of the System in the solution of intelligence problems.

While the first two types of evaluation were difficult and would require considerable planning, they were relatively straight forward. The third level of evaluation presents the major problem because COINS I as now planned has not focused on specific intelligence problems.

4. The specific objectives of DoD intelligence data handling were presented to the group by These objectives were as follows:



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